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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
 COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PLUS MONEY, INC. and MATTHEW LA  
 MADRID,

Defendants,

THE PREMIUM RETURN FUND LIMITED-  
 LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP; THE  
 PREMIUM RETURN FUND II LIMITED-  
 LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;  
 THE PREMIUM RETURN FUND III  
 LIMITED-LIABILITY LIMITED  
 PARTNERSHIP; RETURN FUND, LLC;  
 RETURN FUND II, LLC; RETURN FUND  
 III, LLC; RETURN FUND IV, LLC;  
 RETURN FUND V, LLC; RETURN FUND  
 VI, LLC; PALLADIUM HOLDING  
 COMPANY; and DONALD LOPEZ

Relief Defendants.

Case No.: 3:08 cv-0764 BEN(NLS)

**ANSWER OF RELIEF DEFENDANTS  
 PALLADIUM HOLDING COMPANY  
 AND DONALD LOPEZ**

1 Relief Defendants Palladium Holding Company and Donald Lopez ("Palladium  
2 Defendants") hereby Answers the Complaint filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission  
3 and states and alleges the following:

4 **ANSWER TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 1. The Palladium Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of  
6 Plaintiff's Complaint.

7 2. The Palladium Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of  
8 Plaintiff's Complaint.

9 3. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
10 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
11 and therefore deny such allegations.

12 4. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
13 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
14 and therefore deny such allegations.

15 **ANSWER TO SUMMARY ALLEGATIONS**

16 5. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
17 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
18 and therefore deny such allegations.

19 6. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
20 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
21 and therefore deny such allegations.

22 7. The Palladium Defendants generally deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 7  
23 of Plaintiff's Complaint. The Palladium Defendants admit that Palladium received \$10,000,000,  
24 and thereafter invested this money as instructed by Palladium's investor.

25 8. The Palladium Defendants generally deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 8  
26 of Plaintiff's Complaint. The Palladium Defendants admit that Palladium received \$10,000,000,  
27 and thereafter invested and transferred money as instructed by Palladium's investor.  
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1           9.       The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
2 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
3 and therefore deny such allegations.

4           10.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
5 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
6 and therefore deny such allegations.

7           11.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
8 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
9 and therefore deny such allegations.

10          12.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
11 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
12 and therefore deny such allegations.

13          13.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
14 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
15 and therefore deny such allegations.

16          14.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
17 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
18 and therefore deny such allegations.

19          15.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
20 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
21 and therefore deny such allegations.

22          16.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
23 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
24 and therefore deny such allegations.

25          17.      The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
26 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
27 and therefore deny such allegations.  
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1           18.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
2 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
3 and therefore deny such allegations.

4           19.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
5 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
6 and therefore deny such allegations.

7           20.     The Palladium Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of  
8 Plaintiff's Complaint.

9           21.     The Palladium Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of  
10 Plaintiff's Complaint.

11                           **ANSWER TO FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

12           22.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
13 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
14 and therefore deny such allegations.

15           23.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
16 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
17 and therefore deny such allegations.

18           24.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
19 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
20 and therefore deny such allegations.

21           25.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
22 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
23 and therefore deny such allegations.

24           26.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
25 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
26 and therefore deny such allegations.

27           27.     The Palladium Defendants admit that Palladium received \$10,000,000 and that  
28 Palladium is owned by Lopez.

1           28.     The Palladium Defendants admit receiving \$10,000,000 and investing the funds as  
2 directed by its investor or transferring the funds as directed by its investor.

3           29.     The Palladium Defendants generally deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 29  
4 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Palladium admits that after receiving the \$10,000,000, it began investing  
5 the money in various investments as directed by Palladium's investor or transferring the money as  
6 directed.

7           30.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
8 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
9 and therefore deny such allegations.

10          31.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
11 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
12 and therefore deny such allegations.

13          32.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
14 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
15 and therefore deny such allegations.

16                   **ANSWER TO FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

17          33.     The Palladium Defendants hereby incorporate by reference the answers to  
18 Paragraphs 1-32 as if fully set forth herein.

19          34.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
20 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
21 and therefore deny such allegations.

22          35.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
23 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
24 and therefore deny such allegations.

25          36.     The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form  
26 a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
27 and therefore deny such allegations.  
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**ANSWER TO SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

37. The Palladium Defendants hereby incorporate by reference the answers to Paragraphs 1-36 as if fully set forth herein.

38. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of Plaintiff's Complaint and therefore deny such allegations.

39. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of Plaintiff's Complaint and therefore deny such allegations.

40. The Palladium Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of Plaintiff's Complaint and therefore deny such allegations.

**GENERAL DENIAL**

The Palladium Defendants deny each and every allegation not specifically admitted herein.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

The Palladium Defendants hereby assert the following affirmative defenses.

1. Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

2. Plaintiff's Complaint is barred in whole or in part by the applicable statute of limitations.


3. Plaintiff's complaint is barred by the equitable doctrines of waiver, estoppel and laches.

4. The Palladium Defendants state and allege that they received the \$10,000,000 and invested it according to their investor's instructions and are not liable to the Plaintiff for return of the money.

1 WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiff's Complaint, The Palladium Defendants  
2 pray this honorable Court will deny the relief requested in Plaintiff's Complaint as to the  
3 Palladium Defendants, lift the preliminary injunction currently entered, find against the Plaintiff  
4 and in favor of the Palladium Defendants on all claims against the Palladium Defendants, and for  
5 such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just and proper.

6 DATED: June 27, 2008

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8 Respectfully submitted,

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12 *Attorney for Relief Defendants*  
13 *Palladium Holding Company and Donald Lopez*  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 27th day of June, 2008, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer of Relief Defendants Palladium Holding Company and Donald Lopez was duly filed served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Peter F. Del Greco  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
5670 Wilshire Blvd., 11th Floor  
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